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SUBJECT: US REPRESENTATION AT UNRWA ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING IN AMMAN

REF: AMMAN 4520

- 1. DEPT CONCURS WITH REFTEL RECOMMENDATION AND REQUESTS EMBASSY TO SEND LETTER TO ADCOM SECRETARY POLLETIN ADVISING THAT CHARGE SUDDARTH AND EMBOFF WALKER WILL BE US REPS AT SUBJECT MEETING.
- 2. FYI: ADCOM MEETINGS HAVE GENERALLY BEEN EXERCISES OF A PURELY INFORMATIONAL NATURE AND LEVEL OF US REPS HAS BEEN SCALED ACCORDINGLY, DESPITE OCCASIONAL AMBASSADORIAL-LEVEL REPRESENTATION OF OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES. AT CHARGE'S DISCRETION HE MAY WISH TO ATTEND ONLY OPENING PART OF MEETING AND DESIGNATE WALKER TO SIT IN FOR REMAINDER. END FYI.
- 3. FOCUS OF MEETING WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE DIRE FINANCIAL STRAITS OF UNRWA AS IT HAS BEEN IN PAST YEARS. IF CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMENT NECESSARY OR DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY US REPS, YOU

SHOULD NOTE BRIEFLY THAT SYG WALDHEIM'S APPEAL OF EARLY AUGUST FOR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS IS UNDER CLOSE AND

ACTIVE STUDY BY USG WHICH FULLY APPRECIATES THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF UNRWA'S CONTINUED OPERATION. FYI: US PLEDGE OF \$6 MILLION SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA IS IN FACT NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION. DEPT WILL INFORM EMBASSY OF FINAL DECISION EARLY NEXT WEEK. END FYI.

4. IN GENERAL US REPS HAVE TRADITIONALLY CONSULTED VERY CLOSELY WITH COMGEN RENNIE AND HIS STAFF AND SUPPORTED COMGEN'S JUDGEMENTS RE METHODS OR MEASURES FOR DEALING WITH UNRWA DEFICITS.

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